Statement

(a) The informationgis as under :—

State/Union Territory	No. of districts covered
Andhra Pradesh	14
Assam	2
Bihar	19
Haryana	4
Gujarat	9
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Karnataka	10
Kerala	7
Maharashtra	18
Madhya Pradesh	14
Manipur	3
Meghalaya	3
Nagaland	1
Orissa	7
Punjab	6
Rajasthan	11
Sikkim	3
Tripura	1
Uttar Pradesh	27
West Bengal	12
Andaman & Nicobar	2
Arunachal Pradesh	2
Chandigarh	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Delhi	1
Goa, Daman & Diu	2
Lakshadweep	1
Mizoram	2
Pondicherry	1
TOTAL	192

(b) The Scheme remains to be extended to 20 districts in the following States/Union Territories:—

State/Union Territory	No. of districts
1. Assam	3
2. Nagaland	2
3. Tamil Nadu	13
4. Tripura	1
5. Arunachal Pradesh	1

The Central Government have been pursuing the matter with the concerned State Governments and Union Territories for expending their recommendations and comments for taking a final decision regarding selection of these 20 Districts in the above States/Union Territories.

Closure of textile mills

1350. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the textile mills in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra etc. which have been closed down during the last three years and what were the reasons for their closure and estimated economic loss to Government as a result thereof; and

(b) what is the number of workers who became unemployed due to closure of these mills and in what manner Government propose to help them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) A statement containing details of the cotton textile mills State-wise which were closed in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra etc. as on 31st October, 1984, 31st October 1985 and 31st October 1986 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 60] These units closed down due to variety of reasons like labour unrest, financial difficulties and obsolate plant and macihnery, etc. It is difficult to estimate economic loss to Government due to closure of these mills.

(b) The number of workers who became unemployed due to the closure of these mills which were lying closed as on 31.10.84, 31.10.85 and 31.10.86 was 110792, 111156 and 118211 respectively.

A Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund has been established under the Textile Policy of June, 1985 to provide financial assistance to the workers of those mills which closed down permanently after announcement of the Policy.

Nuclear research reactor of Bangladesh

1351. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that Bangladesh has had its first nuclear research reactor put into operation on September 14-15, 1986;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought or obtained any assurance from the Bangladesh Government that it would confine to peaceful uses of nuclear energy and would not strive in the field of nuclear weapons; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) What is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government have noted that according to the Bangladesh authorities, the reactor is to be utilized in fields of radio isotopes production for use in nuclear medicine and applied agricultural research.

"वित्त मंत्रालय की काली सूची में कम्पनियों के नाम" शीर्षक का समाचार

1352. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान बम्बई से प्रकाशित 'नवभारत टाइम्स' में 11 अक्तूबर, 1986 को पृष्ठ 10 पर "वित्त मंत्रालय की काली सूची में कम्पनियों के नाम" नामक शीर्षक से छपी खबर की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसमें तथ्य क्या है तथा सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) सूचना संभव सीमा तक एकत्र की जा रही है और उसे सदन-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Criticism of NAM by Libya and Iran

1353. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether at the Summit of NAM recently held at Harare, Libya and Iran criticised the NAM for its socalled ineffectiveness in dealing with their security problems; and

(b) if so, what answer was provided by the Summit to that criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In their statements during the general debate at the Harare Summit, President Khamenei of Iran and Col. Gaddafi of Libya made some critical references to the Nonaligned Movement especially in the context of the Iran-Iraq war and the US aggression against Libya respectively. The Political Declaration of the Harare Summit reflects the consensus views of the Non-aligned Movement on these issues.

Fourth meeting of the Himalayan Mountaineering and Tourism

1354. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that leading mountaineers and trekkers have demanded better facilities to the trainees at the